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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following document:

D1 : WO 98/26503 A (QUALCOMM INCORPORATED) 18 June 1998 (1998-06-18)

1. Claim 1: document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses in Fig. 4 (the references in parentheses applying to this document):
 A Doherty amplifier comprising: a power splitter having a first output and a second output, wherein the first output is connected to a main power splitter having first and second outputs which differ in phase by 90°; and the second output is connected to an auxiliary power splitter having first and second outputs which differ in phase by 90°;
 a main final stage amplifier comprising first and second main paired amplifiers, the inputs of which are connected to the first and second outputs of the main power splitter;
 an auxiliary final stage amplifier comprising first and second auxiliary paired amplifiers, the inputs of which are connected to the first and second outputs of the auxiliary power splitter;

From this, the subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs in that: the output from the first main paired amplifier is connected to the output from the first auxiliary paired amplifier by an impedance inverter; and the output from the second main paired amplifier is connected to the output from the second auxiliary paired amplifier by an impedance inverter; the amplifier being arranged such that a relative phase shift is introduced to the signals input to the main and auxiliary power splitters to offset the phase shift of the impedance inverters.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT)

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as providing circuitry for having a Doherty amplifier with stability of the frequency behaviour.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because none of the documents which are cited in the international search report disclose or suggest said connections between said outputs of main paired and auxiliary paired amplifiers, in order to achieve a compensating frequency effect, i.e. a frequency behaviour stability of the Doherty amplifier.

2. Claims 2-14 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty (Article 33(2) PCT) and inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

3. Claim 15: document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses in Fig.4 (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A method of amplifying an input signal, the method comprising: splitting the input signal into a main signal and an auxiliary signal; splitting the main signal into a first main signal and second main signal which differ in phase by 90°; splitting the auxiliary signal into a first auxiliary signal and a second auxiliary signal which differ in phase by 90°; amplifying the first main signal and the second main signal; amplifying the first auxiliary signal and the second auxiliary signal; inverting the impedance of the amplified first main signal; inverting the impedance of the amplified second main signal;

From this, the subject-matter of independent claim 15 differs in that the following additional steps are present:

adding the impedance inverted amplified first main signal to the amplified first auxiliary signal thereby creating a first added signal;

adding the impedance inverted amplified second main signal to the amplified second auxiliary signal thereby creating a second added signal;

wherein a relative phase shift is introduced to the signals during said steps of splitting to offset the phase shift of said steps of inverting.

The subject-matter of claim 15 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as providing a method for a Doherty amplifier with stability of the frequency behaviour.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 15 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because none of the documents which are cited in the international search report disclose or suggest said additional steps for treating said main and auxiliary signals, in order to achieve a method for a Doherty amplifier with a stable frequency behaviour.

4. Claims 16, 17 are dependent on claim 15 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty (Article 33(2) PCT) and inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).